Mr. M. S. SRESHTA :—" Is it under consideration to extend the electric line to Calicut? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Yes; in course of time."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA :—" May I know when it would be taken up? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I am afraid I cannot give a definite answer to that question."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA :—" With regard to clause (g), may I know from what point of view the continuation of the line to Mangalore was not found to be attractive? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" From a commercial point of view."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA :—" May I know whether the extension of the line to Coimbatore, and further on to Erode and Salem, has been found attractive? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA :—" May I know exactly on what facts the Government come to the conclusion that any line would be commercially profitable or not? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" We take a survey of the load and then of the cost, and then we compare one with the other and see whether ultimately the transaction will prove profitable or not."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA :—" In these commercial matters, is there not a principle governing them, that the provision of a facility creates the demand for it? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" To some extent."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA :—" Will that principle be borne in mind in considering the question whether the line should be extended to Mangalore or not? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" When that question is taken up, it will be considered."

Forests

Judicial decision in the dispute between the Courtallam temple and the Government in re: their respective rights to the Courtallam waterfalls.

* 118 *Q.*—Mr. A. Pl. N. V. NADIMUTHU PILLAI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to call for and place before the Council the copy of the latest judicial decision in regard to the rights of the Courtallam Waterfalls (Tinnevelly district) which were in dispute between the Courtallam temple on the one side and the Government on the other?

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A.—The hon. Member presumably refers to the order passed by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in 1917. A copy of it is placed on the table.[a]

Reservation of the Chittaruvi Waterfalls for Europeans and Officers exclusively.

* 119 *Q.*—Mr. A. Pl. N. V. NADIMUTHU PILLAI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Chittaruvi Waterfalls in the Reserve Forest is reserved for Europeans and Officers only?

A.—No.

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" May I know whether the hon. the Law Member is aware that the Forest officer in charge of this area has put up an enclosure round this falls and is restricting admission to this falls to a favoured few like Europeans and officers of Government? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" My Friend is partially right and partially wrong. He is right in saying that the Forest officers have put up an enclosure, but he is wrong in thinking that it is intended for the convenience of Europeans and officers. It is intended for respectable Indians and Gosha ladies. As a matter of fact, the Europeans now-a-days do not generally bathe in these falls."

Reservation of forests in South Kanara.

* 120 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the forests of Todar and Hosabettu in South Kanara district were declared to be reserved;

(*b*) to what class did the said forest belong and what the character and condition of the forest and the growth of trees on it were;

(*c*) if they were treated as fuel forests, whether they have served and do serve the purpose for which they were reserved without the expenditure thereof exceeding the profits;

(*d*) when the forest village system was introduced in the adjoining villages in respect to the said forests and under what concessions;

(*e*) whether the system has been withdrawn and for what reasons; and if so, whether notices of warning were given to the villagers and in what manner; and

(*f*) whether representations have been received from the villagers concerned and from others and what action has been taken concerning the said grievances?

A.—(*a*) They were declared reserved forests from 15th December 1890 and 1st September 1888 respectively.

(*b*) The forests were not classified at the time of reservation. They are at present in class I. At the time of reservation the forests had been greatly devastated by kumri cultivation. The subsequent growth consists mainly of fuel species.

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 116–117 infra.